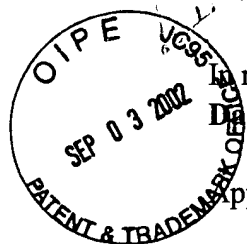


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Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and  
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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97 and 1.98
- ☒ Form PTO-1449 (2 pages) with 29 references
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Applicant believes no fees are due in connection with this Petition. However, if any fees  
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